

TUESDAY JULY 28

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Roman Missal 466; Lectionary 402

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 104) **Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading —————

(Jeremiah 14.17-22)

The Lord said to me, You shall say to the people this word: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter — my people — is struck down with a crushing blow, with a

very grievous wound. If I go out into the field, look — those killed by the sword! And if I enter the city, look — those sick with famine! For both prophet and priest ply their trade throughout the land, and have no knowledge.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm ———
(Psalm 79)

℟. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. ℞.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; according to your great power preserve those doomed to die. ℞.

Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. ℞.

Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the

sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel ———
(Matthew 13.36-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

"Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

“Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 19) **We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.**

or

(Eph 5) **Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.**

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A single sunbeam is enough to drive away
many shadows. —St. Francis of Assisi*